



## THINK FOOD

### School Nutrition Programs

#### Shipment 3

#### September 2010



#### TURKEY ROAST DELAY

Due to the short supply of turkey breast meat vendors are having a hard time bidding on USDA loads and are now behind on the requested delivery periods. Our turkey roasts were scheduled for delivery in September but now the earliest delivery could be November 30 or December 15, 2010.

As soon as Food Distribution receives a delivery date from the USDA everyone will be notified. See the following shipping schedule revisions.

#### SHIPPING SCHEDULE REVISIONS

Changes have been made to Shipments 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. The tortillas, which come frozen, were inadvertently scheduled on Shipment 3, a dry shipment, and due to the short supply of turkey roasts the following changes have been made to the shipping schedule:

- Tortillas moved from Shipment 3 to 4
- Peach Cups from Shipment 4 to 2 (there will now be one shipment instead of two)



- Green Beans from Shipment 5 to 3

- Applesauce on Shipment 2 will be split between Shipments 2 and 3

- The Pork Roasts will be moved from Shipment 6 to Shipment 4 and the Turkey Roasts will be added to a shipment when we have a delivery date.

Go to the OPI School Nutrition Web page at [www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School\\_Nutrition/index.html#gpm1\\_1](http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/index.html#gpm1_1) to view the updated shipping schedule.

#### LOCAL PROCESSING OF USDA FOODS

Some schools are sending their USDA Foods to local processors to have them processed into products that are more user friendly for their school menus.

Before transferring USDA products to a local processor, a contract agreement between the school and the local processor must be in place. Schools must notify the OPI Food Distribution office for approval before entering into an agreement with a local processor.



The USDA requires state agencies, along with Recipient Agencies (RA), to monitor USDA Foods sent to processors for further processing. Monthly performance reports need to be filled out by the processor and sent to the RA. A copy of the report should be mailed to the OPI School Nutrition Programs office at PO Box 202501, Helena, MT 59620-2501 or faxed to (406) 444-2955.

A Monthly Performance Report form can be found on the OPI School Nutrition Web page under USDA Foods/Processing.

### **ADDITIONAL USDA FOODS**

For schools with available entitlement the following USDA Foods are available for Shipment 4. Mozzarella LMPs \$52.71, Potato Wedges Fat Free \$12.14, Ham Sls \$81.26, Turkey Hams \$65.53, and Pork Roasts \$62.26.

An updated entitlement list can be found on the OPI School Nutrition Web page under USDA Foods/Commodity Information at [www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School\\_Nutrition/index.html#gpm1\\_1](http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/index.html#gpm1_1).

E-mail your requests to [juwilson@mt.gov](mailto:juwilson@mt.gov) or fax them to (406) 444-2955 by **October 8, 2010**.

### **MTLUNCHLINE LISTSERV REMINDERS**

As we start off the new school year we would like to offer these reminders when using the MTLunchline. When replying to a MTLunchline e-mail remember that hitting the reply button will reply to everyone on MTLunchline. To reply to a specific person you will need to type their individual e-mail address.

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Following are some helpful listserv etiquette suggestions when using MTLunchline:

- Listservs should be used for professional correspondence only;
- Messages should be civil and on topic;
- Do not send spam;
- Jokes are not professional correspondence;
- Avoid typing in ALL CAPS, which is considered shouting or yelling;
- Never send chain letters via electronic mail;
- Personal comments should be kept to a minimum; and
- Respect all copyrighted material that you share.

If you still haven't signed up to be on MTLunchline be sure and send your e-mail address to Alie Wolf at [AlieW@mt.gov](mailto:AlieW@mt.gov) or telephone at (406) 444-2501, or e-mail Katie Bark at [kbark@mt.gov](mailto:kbark@mt.gov), or telephone at (406) 994-5641.

### **BONUS WALNUTS STILL AVAILABLE**



There are still plenty of USDA walnuts available. The walnuts are a bonus item which means they are "free" to you and will not be charged against your entitlement.

Just a handful of walnuts provides 2.5 grams of ALA, the plant-based source of omega-3 fatty acid, 4 grams of protein, 2 grams of fiber and 10 percent of your daily value of magnesium and phosphorus. Walnuts add a flavorful crunch to dishes. Try sprinkling them on oatmeal or your breakfast cereal, or toss them with your salad.

Fax or e-mail your requests for additional walnuts to [juwilson@mt.gov](mailto:juwilson@mt.gov) or (406) 444-2955.